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## N.C. DEVELOPS ST. JOSEPH'S PLAZA

*Church Venture A First For New Community  
Will Include Offices and Restaurant*

The innovative new Saint Joseph's Plaza being developed by New Community Corporation was featured in the Real Estate Section of The New York Times on Sunday, April 17, 1983.

Calling attention to its services as a spiritual center for immigrants in days past, author Anthony DePalma tied this in to today's planned use of

sity of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and has sought to encourage its use by physicians practicing on the UMDNJ staff. This would provide additional medical services to residents at a time when physicians in New Jersey's largest city are at a low of 186, giving Newark one of the lowest ratios of private physicians to local residents in the nation. At this point

for New Community, that "The project will also strengthen relations between the university and the community, which have been strained since the land where the medical campus is now situated was cleared in the mid-1960's following condemnation of its buildings." Attracting university doctors into the neighborhood would benefit both groups, he felt.

St. Joseph's was purchased by New Community from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark in 1980 when it became unfeasible to keep the church open for a congregation which had dropped to 30 parishioners. It was at this point the plan for its present use was put together by New Community and the church was purchased. Total development cost of the

project is 1.7 million.

The interior of St. Joseph's Plaza, designed by Roz Li of New York City, would be open and airy, leaving existing wood exposed along with many of the original ornate columns. The building would feature a three level atrium with a glassed in elevator and winding staircase connecting the floors. The restaurant would pick up the church theme in its design.

Right now, finding someone to run the restaurant is of prime concern as it must be a quality enterprise, appealing to business and professional people as well as local residents. It would be an exciting opportunity for an experienced small restaurateur to

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Atrium

the former church, that of caring for bodies.

The landmark church on West Market Street will soon be transformed into a combination of offices suitable for professional services, and a first class restaurant. In redesigning the old brownstone church, New Community recognized the convenience of its location to the Univer-

local residents receive their medical care at the university hospital clinic or the New Community Health Care Center or travel to suburban doctors. The St. Joseph's offices would expand available choices and yet keep them nearby.

Mr. DePalma mentioned in his Times article a hope voiced by Matthew Reilly, Director of Development

## FATHER WASHINGTON STATUE FINDS NEW HOME

On Tuesday, April 12th, 1983, the monument honoring Fr. John Patrick Washington, a heroic World War II Chaplain from Newark, came to rest on ground known to him from childhood, next to St. Rose of Lima Church which nurtured his faith and which echoed his voice in song as he celebrated his First Solemn High Mass there on June 16, 1935.

Formerly located in a Park at Seventh Avenue and North Ninth Street, the hero's monument had been badly defaced over the years and the move will afford it the respect it deserves once more, including a complete cleaning and sandblasting in the near future. The 13-foot granite monument topped by an 8-foot high Celtic cross was erected in its original location on June 15, 1960 through contributions from St. Rose parishioners to mark the 25th anniversary of Fr. Washington's priesthood.

Father Washington died aboard the Dorchester, a troop carrier, as it sank after being torpedoed about 1 a.m. February 3, 1943 in the icy waters of the North Atlantic near Greenland. He had heroically removed his own life jacket and given it to another serviceman despite the fact that he could not swim. Three other chaplains aboard the ship did the same. He was the first Roman Catholic priest and probably the first chaplain from Newark, N.J. to be lost during World War II.

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## 18 Years For Opera

*Director Alfredo Silipigni (left) of the New Jersey State Opera has brought the company from a small amateur beginning to recognition nationally and internationally as an esteemed group of professionals. The 1983-84 season is covered in our culture and arts section on page 6.*



## Statue Move

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Fr. Washington was the oldest child of Mary and Frank Washington, natives of Killglass, Ireland, whose family resided at 103½ S. 12th Street in the Roseville Section of Newark at the time of his birth on July 16, 1908. The neighborhood then was a mixture of people of Irish, German and Polish descent.

John received his First Communion and Confirmation at St. Rose of Lima R.C. Church, attended its school and preached his first sermon in the church after his ordination.

St. Rose figured greatly in his priestly formation, according to "Sea of Glory, The Magnificent Story of Four Chaplains" by Frances Beauchesne Thornton, published in 1953 by Prentice-Hall Inc. The death of his sister Mary at age 15; the stories told him by Sister Anna Clarita, one of his teachers at St. Rose; his service as an altar boy there; and his recovery from a serious illness when he was in the sixth grade, are all said to have contributed to his interest in becoming a priest.

He is described as a top student at St. Rose's, attended Seton Hall Prep. and Seton Hall University, receiving his formal priestly training at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Darlington. He was ordained on June 15, 1935 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Newark by Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh.

Fr. Washington's boyhood in Roseville was a balance of work and play. He enjoyed baseball and the piano when not helping his mother with Mary, Anna, Thomas, Frances, Leo and Edmund, or tending to his paper route. Later during his summer vacations, he worked at Public Service in Newark.

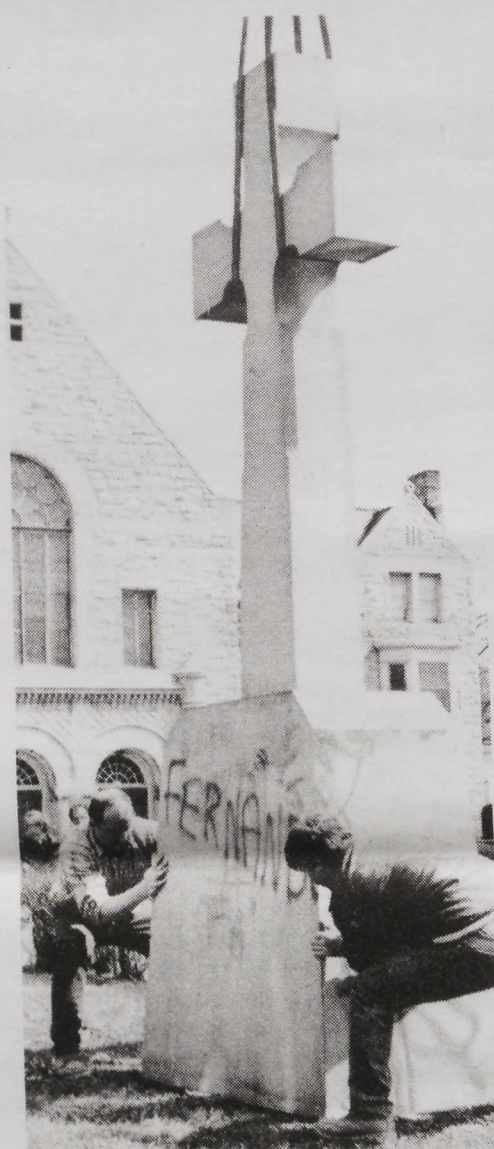
He began his priestly duties at St. Genevieve's R.C. Church in Elizabeth, moved to St. Venantius Parish in Orange and then to St. Stephen's R.C. Church in Arlington, where he served from 1937 until enlisting in 1942. Rejected by the Navy because of an old eye injury, he enlisted in the Army and was commissioned a first lieutenant. He attended Chaplains' School at Fort Benjamin Harrison and was assigned to the 76th Division Artillery.

The Dorchester was a converted cargo ship sailing from Boston, Massachusetts at the time the Battle of the Atlantic was at its highest, and was one of a convoy of seven ships protected only by three Coast Guard Cutters as it headed for Greenland. German submarines were then sinking about 100 ships monthly.

As the convoy neared the Greenland harbor in high winds and rough seas, the rear ship alerted the others that they were being followed and seconds later torpedoes struck. All four of the chaplains gave up their life vests, comforting the sailors and servicemen in the chaos which followed, as they attempted to launch the lifeboats. When last seen, the four chaplains were observed standing together praying with hands joined, as the ship went under. Fr. Washington's fellow chaplains included Rev. George Lan-

sing Fox and Rev. Clark V. Poling, both Protestants and Rabbi Alexander D. Goode.

Fr. Washington was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously in December, 1944 and on May 28, 1947, a United States postage stamp was issued honoring "The Immortal Chaplains." In October, 1955, a memorial, "The Four Chaplains," was dedicated in Washington, D.C.



Workmen set monument in place next to St. Rose's.

## NEW COMMUNITY HOUSING ACHIEVEMENTS HONORED



Mary Smith, treasurer of New Community Corporation, second from left, accepts a silver bowl from members of the Real Estate Board of Newark, Irvington and Hillside N. at a recent luncheon held at the Hilton-Gateway. Left to right: Ethel Hill, Chairlady for Private Property; Mary Smith; Patrick M. Calello, Real Estate Board President; and Vice-President Harry Kraft.

### Accomplishments Impress Board

The Good Citizenship Award of the Real Estate Board of Newark, Irvington and Hillside, N., was presented to New Community Corporation at its Annual Award Luncheon held at the Gateway-Hilton, Newark, New Jersey on April 14, 1983.

Mr. Patrick M. Calello, President of the Board, in presenting the award to Mrs. Mary Smith, Treasurer of New Community Corporation, remarked on the low profile which allowed New Community's accomplishments to go unnoticed for many years, until Ethel Hill, Program Chairwoman and a Newark Realtor, brought our housing efforts to their attention.

A slide presentation by Matthew Reilly, New Community's Director of Development, impressed the 80 realtors present, with the visible combination of housing, services, jobs, dignity and pride making a strong impact on the audience. Mentioned in particular by Mr. Reilly was the cooperation necessary in so many areas to get a complex development such as ours off the ground.

The Good Citizenship Award is given each year to a group or organization within the city which has enhanced in some way the life of the community. It seems fitting that our 15th Anniversary year should also bring with it this notable distinction.

## Committee Sets October 21st For Gala Ball

Plans for the New Community Gala Ball, with Mr. Donald Mann, Vice-President of Public Affairs for Prudential Insurance Company as Chairman, are rapidly taking shape. Friday evening, October 21st has been chosen for the celebration which will bring to a climax the 15th Anniversary year for both New Community Corporation and Babyland Nursery Inc.

Members of the Honorary Planning Committee include: Dr. Stanley Bergen, President-UMDNJ; Ms. Jane Burzio, N.J. Secretary of State, Honorable John Caulfield, New Jersey Senator, 28th District; Dr. James Cowan, President, United Hospitals; Bishop Joseph Francis, Catholic Archdiocese of Newark; Honorable Kenneth A. Gibson, Mayor, City of Newark; Honorable Jerome Greco, Essex County

Freeholder; Governor Thomas Kean (Honorary Chairperson); Honorable Frank Lautenberg, U.S. Senator from New Jersey; Mr. Edward Lenihan, President, Renaissance Newark, Inc.; Mr. Richard Locke, Managing Director & Executive Vice-President, E.F. Hutton & Company, Inc.; Mr. Charles Marcianite, President, New Jersey AFL-CIO; Mr. John Renna, Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs; Honorable Peter W. Rodino, U.S. Congressman, 10th District; Honorable Peter Shapiro, Essex County Executive; and Mr. Charles Whigham, President, City National Bank, Newark.

The persistent efforts of New Community to reverse the course of Newark's housing over the past 15 years have taken hold, and organizations such as Renaissance Newark are working to raise the

awareness of the business world to the opportunities Newark affords. The skyline of Newark has changed considerably over these years with beautiful new buildings such as Prudential Plaza and Public Service giving mute testimony to the renewed vitality of the city.

Over 4,000 New Community families alone will provide possible employees for new corporations as the city re-awakens, and Babyland day care centers will start a new generation of children off on a strong educational and emotional footing.

Surely it is the Springtime of a new life for an old city and celebration is very much in order.

Join us on October 21st at the gala...set the date aside now...as we look over the accomplishments of the last 15 years and signal our belief in the 15 yet to come!



## Douglas Dedicates New Flag

Recently, Miriam Smith, a Douglas tenant, decided to give the 9 foot flag given her upon the death of her serviceman son, to the Douglas Tenants Association for use in the community room. In appreciation of her thoughtfulness, the Association, in turn, purchased a flag pole, and on Friday, April 15th a flag dedication service attended by residents and their families, was held.

The program was chaired by Helen Vaughn, with Mae Byrd, Edith Lott, Elizabeth Davis, Vinishia Holley and Elizabeth Waller working on her committee. After a welcome address by Mae Byrd, Deacon Hiram Martinez offered a prayer. Connie Pitts followed with a solo of *America*, and later in the program, *I'll Tell of the Savior*. Mae Byrd then explained to the audience the origin and meaning of the flag, after which Michelle Vaughn, age 6, emphasized the point by singing *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, and *At Midnight* was offered by 10-year-old Cherine Bently. A plaque commemorating the occasion was presented to Miriam Smith by Alma Hanks, President of the Tenants

Association. It will be mounted on the wall of the community room next to the flag.

With the flag in place, everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and a heart felt Star Spangled Banner. Helen Vaughn then introduced the guests, Tenants Association Officers and Floor Captains. A duet by Cherine Bently and Michelle Vaughn followed and benediction was offered by Elizabeth Franklin bringing the ceremony to a close.

This was a beautiful and touching service, with heartfelt thanks offered by Miriam Smith our guest of honor and her daughter Miriam James (also a tenant). Thanks go out to all those who played a part in making this, our first program, such a wonderful success, especially Helen Vaughn for a job well done and her grand-daughters Cherine and Michelle, little in size, but big in performance. Honorable mention for your help Sister Hortensia and Mrs. Virginia Scott.

Miriam Smith's donation is now "Our Flag." It was that special touch our building needed. We thank you again for your loving, unselfish, patriotic gesture.

Alma Hanks



At flag dedication ceremonies, from left to right Sister Hortensia Hernandez, Michelle Vaughn, Alma Hanks, Mae Byrd, Miriam Smith, her daughter Miriam James and Deacon Hiram Martinez.

## ATTENTION PARENTS! Babyland Kindergarten To Begin

If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten in September 1983, we would like to inform you that Babyland III will be offering a complete full-day kindergarten program taught by a certified kindergarten teacher. The curriculum will be the same as that offered by public school kindergartens, consisting of Beginning Reading and Writing, Readiness

Skills, Math, Science, Language Arts, Music, Art and Health.

If your child will be 5 years old before December 31, 1983 (born in 1978) and would like to enroll, please contact Ms. Victoria Boyd at Babyland III, 200 So. Orange Ave., Newark, (201) 623-8016.

Please note: there is limited space available, so please register early to assure your child's enrollment.

## At Your (Social) Service

by the Staff of the Social Services Dept.

### "Planning Begins For NCC Festival '83"

If you think Festival '81 and Festival '82 were good, wait until you hear of the plans for Festival '83!!!

This year the NCC Festival has a special significance, since it will be the beginning of a year of celebrations marking the 15th Anniversary of New Community Corporation.

The festivities will begin with a dinner-dance to be held at New Community Associates on Thursday, June 9th. On Friday, the New Community Homes courtyard will once again be the site of "Music Under the Stars" featuring the sound of "The Impulse." This year we hope to expand the activities by including dancing and a "Fish Fry."

The activities on Saturday, June 10th will begin with a gala parade throughout the streets of New Community led by the Marching Band from West Side High School. As usual, the tenants from each development will be able to march behind their own banner and there will be a float for Mr. & Mrs. New Community. However, this year there will be some new plans in the offing.

Each development will be given the chance to enter its own float in the parade. Though the building of the float will be up to each development, some assistance in obtaining materials will be provided by the

NCC Social Services Department. In addition, efforts are being made to line up a steel band both for the parade and to play throughout the day at the festival. Also, rather than having a cake sale, this year a full array of foods "from soup to nuts" will be available, and sold by the tenants at booths set up on Bruce Street. Another added attraction will be a food tasting contest, representing the very first "NCC Bake Off."

Once again, there will be a track meet held at Newton Street following the parade. The NCC Basketball Team will play an exhibition game cheered on by the new NCC Cheerleaders Squad, and a Pre-Teen Disco will round out the events for the day.

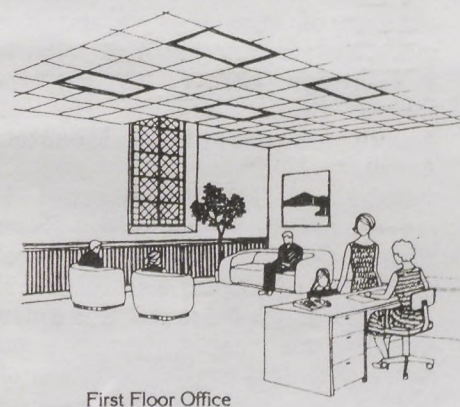
Many of the plans are still in their early stages and the NCC Festival '83 Planning Committee is hard at work trying to bring them to fruition. If you have any suggestions as to how they can be improved please call and leave your suggestions at the NCC Social Services Department — (623-6114).

The NCC Festival '83 will be the kick off for a number of activities to take place between June and October to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of New Community Corporation.

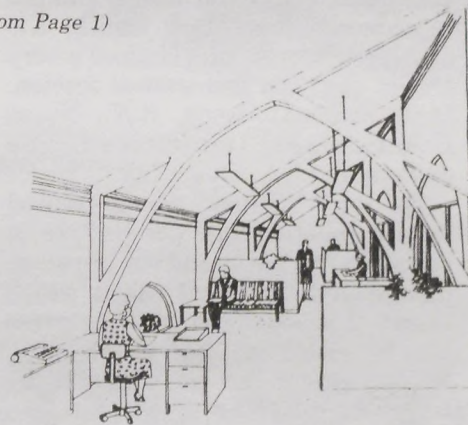
To keep up on all the plans be sure to read every issue of the *Clarion*.

## St. Joseph's Plaza

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First Floor Office



Second Floor Office



Restaurant

St. Joseph's slate gable roof has already been repaired and its beautiful stained glass windows are receiving skillful attention and restoration by stained glass artist and expert George Brenick of Staten Island. Since the church is listed on both the National and State Register of Historic Places its exterior will remain unchanged.

On site parking will be available as well as 24 hour security and the location on West Market Street is easily accessible to both public transportation and major traffic arteries. The building has a barrier free design.

St. Joseph's Plaza is a first for New Community in the commercial development field and continues its tradition of service with dignity to all people.

be creative in a new venture.

The construction necessary to ready the structure for its new life would of course bring much needed employment to the area, and when finished it is hoped the combined facilities will provide as many as 75 jobs.





**SHOWING & TELLING.** With wide eyes and great excitement youngsters from Babyland II rivet their attention on "Freddy" the ferret as he is introduced by Bernice Fishman of the Education Department of the Newark Museum.

## Second Babyland Workshop Held

### Stress Viewed

The second general Babyland workshop of the current year was held on Saturday, April 23, 1983 at Babyland III. Sister Marie Infanta introduced Mrs. Mary Smith, Executive Director, who chaired a very timely question and answer session. Mrs. Soledad Alston, R.N., Nurse Practitioner, conducted the workshop.

The topic "Stress" was presented from a most unique perspective in regard to its causes and the physical, mental and emotional effects which result. It was pointed out that stress can be either mental or physical. Mental stress can be triggered by such things as anger, fear, anxiety, grief or guilt; physical stress by drugs, infection or malnutrition, for example. A description of how the brain is affected by stress was also given.

## BABYLAND II

Now that the Easter holiday rush is over, the children in our center are getting ready for Mother's Day. The children are making Mother's Day cards and gifts. They have a choice of making bath salts or planting seeds for marigold flowers.

### Up-Coming Events

May 4th — Babyland II children will be going to see a musical production of "Mother Goose's Reunion" at Kean College, Union, New Jersey.

May 23rd — A trip to the Mini Zoo at the Newark Museum in downtown Newark is planned.

Carol H. Leadbetter  
Head Teacher

All who attended this workshop felt that the time was well spent and they are looking forward to more sessions of this type.

## BABYLAND III HAPPENINGS

During the month of April, the children of Miss Piggy's and Kermit's classes enjoyed field trips to Woodbridge Center, to see the Easter Bunny, and to the All American Circus at South Mountain Arena.

Babyland III participated in several events sponsored by Essex County College as part of the Week of the Young Child Celebration.

Miss Piggy's class put on a splendid performance of African song and dance at the Multi-Cultural show off day.

I would like to thank all of the parents for their cooperation in both providing the costumes and attending the program. Your presence meant a lot to the children.

The children of Kermit II attended the Health Fair which was held at the Department of Health on William Street. There, the children saw a clown show, participated in aerobic dancing, trampoline exercises and a variety of other activities. They all received coloring books and firemen hats.

Two of our staff members attended a Fire Safety Workshop at Essex County College where they gained useful information about helping children learn about fire safety through the use of songs and fingerplays pertaining to the subject.

Victoria Boyd  
Center Supervisor  
Babyland III

## Jealousy of Siblings Toward New Baby

No matter what the circumstances, no matter how the situation is handled, any child will be jealous of his siblings. If he is the eldest child and has experienced the unshared love of his parents, he will be extraordinarily jealous of a new baby. William E. Homan, in his book *Child Sense*, describes the situation with both sense and imagination; he asks the parents to think what their own reactions would be if they had to suddenly share their husband's/wife's love with a rival. Jealousy is the normal human reaction and should be expected and dealt with regardless of the child's apparent feelings of fondness for the new baby. It is irrational to assume that such love for the new arrival is unmixed with jealousy and dislike (Homan, pp.168-170). Jealousy at times will continue between siblings as they grow up, but the way parents deal with the situation can mean the difference between suppressed, continuous feelings of hatred and competition, and occasional quirks of rivalry (Haim G. Ginott, *Between Parent and Child*, p. 124).

Communication among adults is rarely straightforward. All too often verbal communication and the different kinds of body language used simultaneously contradict each other, rather than conveying the same message (Virginia Satir, *Peoplemaking*, p. 60-63). Children like adults can communicate their jealousy in a variety of indirect ways. If the parent is expecting the first-born to show jealousy towards the new baby, she will have a good chance of recognizing the child's jealous behavior for what it is. Many children express their feelings quite openly, asking the parent to send the new baby away or physically attacking the baby (Haim G. Ginott, p. 129-130). In Satir's typology of communication, it is crucial that the

parent respond with *leveling* behavior, that is, to respond openly and honestly to the child's anger (Virginia Satir, *Peoplemaking*, p. 72-73). Haim G. Ginott describes the practical reaction to violence towards the new baby. The parent should, of course, stop the older child from carrying out his attack, but she should also tell him directly that she knows he is feeling angry and jealous. She may also let him display his anger physically on a doll or other substitute.

Other children will suppress or pervert their feelings of rivalry with the new baby. They may mope, become overly fond of the new baby so as to receive praise, act angrily towards their mother or even develop physical ailments. In all these cases, it is important that the parent recognize that *jealousy* is the underlying cause. Basically, the child feels less loved than the baby or unloved entirely. The parent must try to express the fact that she loves the older child just as much as the baby, that the new infant has not displaced the older child in her affections. Affectionate, reinforcing behavior towards the child can be combined with tact in displaying love towards the infant. The parents should not fuss about the baby in the presence of the jealous sibling; whenever possible they should carry out the necessary attentions to the infant (feeding, changing, etc.) in the absence of the older child. They should also encourage the child to take on a quasi-parental role, caring for the new baby and this proving how advantageous it is to be bigger and more independent. As long as the parents can persuade their child to express both his jealousy and his affection openly, they will be able to effectively deal with his problems.

Mary Ann Sysnik  
Center Supervisor  
Babyland I



### Game Develops Skills

Children at Babyland Nursery I use a pattern stacker as Mrs. Mary Ann Sysnik, Center Supervisor look on. The pattern stacker is a progressive developmental game. Its three-post design and 24 progressively more difficult patterns

allow the instructor to meet each child at his or her level of capability, then lead the child gradually to greater understanding and achievement. Its purpose is to develop skills and concepts while at the same time having fun. Color matching, place awareness (left, right, center, top, bottom, etc.) and hand-eye coordination are all part of its design.





**CITY HALL ROTUNDA.** President of City Council Ralph T. Grant, Sister Marie Infanta, Mrs. Rosa S. Langston, Elton Hill representing the mayor, Dennis G. Cherot Director of Health & Welfare.



Ms. Virginia Jenkins takes group on tour of Babyland III.

## The Week Of The Young Child Keeps Babyland Busy

Newark recently celebrated the Week of the Young Child, sponsored by the Child Care Network, which is under the direction of Mrs. Rosa S. Langston of the Department of Health and Welfare. Babyland was quite involved.

The week's activities began on Monday, April 4th with the reading of the Proclamation in the City Hall Rotunda where Babyland had a booth with a slide presentation.

That afternoon selected officials were honored at a luncheon at N.C. Associates. This was followed by a tour of Babyland III led by Ms. Virginia Jenkins. All were most impressed.

On Tuesday, Babyland participated in the Health Fair which was held at the Department of Health.

When Babyland visited the Snack Clown, nutritious snacks were the subject of much interest as apples, raisins and peanut butter among

others were substituted for junk foods as between meals fare.

Wednesday found Babyland III taking part in the Multi-Cultural Program at Essex County College. Babyland III children performed "Kaluba", an African song and dance. They also sang "Oluwa", an African ballad from "Roots."

On Thursday, members of each Babyland staff attended the Fire Safety workshop at Essex County College.

Bringing the week to a close was a beautiful Parent-Child dinner held on Friday at Essex County College. Again each Babyland Center was well represented.

Sister Marie Infanta Gonzales, our Babyland Director of Day Care served on the Multi-Cultural Day Committee and on the Fire Task Force Committee. Sister, as well as members of our child development staff participated in all activities of the Week of the Young Child.



Children enjoy a visit to the Snack Clown.



Instructions from the gymnast at Health Fair.



Babyland III youngsters on stage in the Multi-Cultural Program at Essex County College.



# Eighteen Years Of Operatic Excellence In New Jersey

The 1983-84 season of the New Jersey State Opera will mark the beginning of another exciting year for an Opera Company which has become a cornerstone in the state's cultural tradition. Opera is an art form that belongs to all people. It is vocal and symphonic music, dance and stage-craft woven together into an exciting theater experience. It can be enjoyed in many media, but nothing can replace the heart stopping moment when the theater goes dark and the curtain parts on the world of operatic drama.

The New Jersey State Opera began as a small company in Westfield. The transformation from a small amateur company to a nationally and internationally recognized opera company was not easy. But under the skilled direction of Alfredo Silipigni, who recognized the talent, drive and dream which were already present, the New Jersey State Opera was on the way to becoming a reality.

Over the years, the State Opera has enjoyed many memorable, touching and dramatic highlights. Among these, State Opera audiences will remember Victoria de los Angeles' first performance in "CARMEN", Beverly Sills in her first "NORMA" performance in the metropolitan area, and Birgit Nilsson's last performance in "TURANDOT" in the U.S. Audiences heard Placido Domingo give some of the finest performances of his career with the State Opera and thrilled to the beauty of Richard Tucker's "Cielo e Mar" from "LA GIOCONDA". The great Italian interpreter of verismo opera, Magda Olivero, was first introduced in the New York-New Jersey area in her performance of "TOSCA", and returned to sing "FEDORA", "ADRIANA LECOUVREUR" and "MEFISTOFELE" with the New Jersey State Opera. In addition to the standard repertory, works seldom performed have been showcased: "ATILIA", featuring Jerome Hines and "CATERINA CORNARO", with Leyla Gencer at Carnegie Hall.

As the company grew, the need for a sound business and financial base increased. In 1971, Harrison L. Weaver, an area businessman and board member of the New Jersey State Opera, was invited to apply business techniques to the management of a major arts institution. This wedding of business and arts was successful, and Weaver has served as Opera President since that time. Today, Weaver sees the New Jersey State Opera as satisfying the balance between artistry and business sense. "It is important", Weaver says, "for business, corporations, banks and private donors to support cultural institutions". "As we look ahead to what we believe will be a most exciting season", he continued, "we invite the private and public sector to join in the beauty and joy of the art by supporting the continued growth of the New Jersey State Opera".

Gerald L. Dorf, serving as Chairman of the Board for a third term, stressed the fact that, "Today, more than ever, there is a place for opera to humanize and personalize our lives". "Our Opera Company is a tangible and visible asset in the state. It makes New Jersey a better place to work and live. My two main goals as Chairman have been to expand and revitalize the Board of Governors and Directors, and to insure the financial stability and growth of the New Jersey State Opera. The financial and vocal support we have received is most appreciated," said Dorf, "and this continued support will help insure a stronger and more viable Opera Company for the future".

In addition to its grand opera productions, featuring world renowned artists and stage directors, the New Jersey State Opera also presents Summer Concerts throughout the state. The Young Artists Program reflects the Opera Company's dedication in seeking and presenting aspiring young talent to the public. The Company brings the beauty of operatic excellence to the audiences

**Marie Cleve and Robert Merrill in Rigoletto as presented by N.J. State Opera.**



of tomorrow through its "Opera In Schools Program" and the Speakers Bureau provides distinguished members of the Bureau to tell the story of the New Jersey State Opera to interested groups.

The Friends of the New Jersey State Opera is a support group which focuses on promoting the Opera Company through fund raising and service projects. The group, headed by Sue Dondiego presently has eight Chapters throughout the state. They are largely responsible for subscription and single ticket sales and serve as monitors for the many buses which provide transportation to Opera performances from throughout the state. "We are the voice of the New Jersey State Opera in our communities," said Sue Dondiego. "Our member are loyal and dedicated opera lovers, willing to devote their time and talent to insure quality opera for all the people of New Jersey".

During the summer months, the New Jersey State Opera will appear at the North Ward Center in Newark on July 14th, the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn on July 27th, featuring Pablo Elvira and Nigi Sato, and historical Waterloo Village in Stanhope on August 13th. Opening Night, at Symphony Hall on November 19th will feature stars from the world of opera, singing famous arias from famous operas.

The Concert will be followed by a Gala Dinner/Dance in the Terrace Ballroom at Symphony Hall.

The New Jersey State Opera subscription season will begin on February 5th, with Donizetti's rarely performed Elizabethan masterpiece, ROBERTO DEVEREUX". On March 18th, Puccini's immortal "LA BOHEME" will star Adrianna Maliponte. The season will close on April 15th with a new production of Rossini's "THE BARBER OF SEVILLE", the most popular of buffo operas.

"Every opera chosen and every singer selected is done with our subscribers enjoyment in mind," said Alfredo Silipigni, General Director of the Opera Company. "They are the backbone of any arts institution and the New Jersey State Opera is fortunate to have such a committed and loyal following".

The Opera Company offers a wide range of prices for subscriptions and single tickets, as well as discounts for students, Senior Citizens and groups. Information about the activities of the New Jersey State Opera can be obtained by contacting the Opera office: (201) 623-5757.

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Some information for this article was taken from "The New Jersey State Opera ... The First Fifteen Years".

## New Jersey Catholic Features "The Rebirth of Newark"



New Jersey Catholic, a weekly television program sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark, had as its guest on April 21st, Mrs. Patricia A. Foley, President of New Community Foundation.

Discussed was the topic "The Rebirth of Newark" with focus on the part played by the team of New Community-Babyland Nursery-St. Rose of Lima in this phenomenon. Life with dignity and service to others was the thread woven through the discussion, led by Father Michael Russo, host of the series. Mr. Edward J. Lenihan, President of Renaissance Newark discussed the business world's response to the "Rebirth" on the second half of the program. New Jersey Catholic, a media service of the Information and Public Affairs Office of the Archdiocese, is Produced by Michael S. McGraw and Associate Producer Vincent Baglivo. Its contemporary format has addressed such issues as "The Greening of New York City," "A Celebration of

Jewish-Catholic Relations" and "The Plight of Soviet Jews."

"The Rebirth of Newark" will be aired during the month of May in various sections of New Jersey. The viewing schedule for this segment of New Jersey Catholic follows:

U.A. Columbia (Bergen County)	May 24th
Channels O and 28	
Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.	
Cablevision of New Jersey (Bergen County)	
Channel 25	May 22nd
Sunday at 1:00 p.m.	
Vision Cable (Bergen County)	
Channel M	May 22nd
Sunday at 1:00 p.m.	
Suburban Cablevision (Essex and Union Counties)	
Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.	May 17th
Friday at 6:30 p.m.	May 20th
Cablevision of Bayonne (Hudson County)	
Channel 25	May 25th
Wednesday	
(Check local listing for time)	



## THE SAGA OF THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE — PART II

*The Oblate Sisters of Providence were the first Black Order of Sisters in the United States as well as being the second oldest community of women religious in this country.*

*Their mission — educating Blacks — was begun during the time when this nation was strongly antagonistic towards any educational opportunity offered to this minority group.*

*They are today valued and dedicated workers in New Community's efforts here in Newark.*

It is difficult for all of us to imagine the problems which were a part of the daily lives of the Oblate Sisters. For example, the idea of slavery was constantly before them, even though they were all free women. Just try to keep these five ideas in your mind as our history of Providence is continued: (1) These are women who were prejudiced against simply because of their sex, then as now; (2) these are Black women, with all the consequences of hatred and prejudice which Blacks had to endure then, as now; (3) these women are teachers, a bold program when one considers that the white population did not want Blacks to be educated; (4) these Sisters were Catholics at a time when Americans, in general, were flocking to the Nativist and "Know-Nothing" parties to outlaw Catholics from the United States; and (5) these women are Religious, and even Catholics did not want the Order to continue.

ed. However, they were not terrorized. They remained in Charleston and at the same time were making plans to establish their first mission in Alabama. They had come this far by Faith.

By 1836, our own school was ready in Baltimore. It was the first school for Black Catholics in the United States. One of the first areas of the school became the Chapel. And this Chapel even had six pews for Whites — in the back of the Chapel.

In 1834, with the death of Father James Hector Nicholas Joubert, our Founder, and with the departure of one of our four original members, a dark cloud loomed over the future of the Oblate Community. Financial burdens, combined with general discouragement threatened the very existence of the Congregation. From 1843 to 1847 the Oblates were without a Chaplain. At that time Archbishop Samuel Eccleston, through the local Ordinary, told the Oblate Sisters of Providence to disband. It was then, through the efforts of *St. John Neuman*, our latest American canonized saint, that the Community survived. Father John Neuman guaranteed his support, and suggested to the Redemptionist Father Thaddeus Anwander that the latter ask Archbishop Eccleston that he (Father Anwander) be allowed to direct the community. With wisdom and zeal this young priest guided the fledgling Community to



Sister Hortensia Hernandez and Sister Marian Spearman of the Oblate Sisters of Providence work in the Social Service Department of New Community Corporation.

However, the Oblate Sisters did not become discouraged in the face of all these difficulties. They lifted their heads high and, with their motto in their hearts — "Providentia Providebit" (Providence will provide), they set to their tasks with renewed Faith. After all, they had come this far by Faith.

In 1832 there was a cholera epidemic in Baltimore. All of our Sisters risked contracting the disease by becoming hospital workers. Providence provided.

In 1843 the Nativists burned a Catholic convent in Charleston, S.C., and the Sisters were threaten-

a renewal of courage and re-dedication of its goals. At the time of his transfer in 1855, Father Anwander left the Oblate Sisters firmly established. At this dark moment the motto of our Community proved fitting: *Providentia Providebit* — Providence will provide. A period of gradual but constant growth necessitated the erection of our first permanent Motherhouse, St. Frances Convent on Chase Street.

*(To be continued)*

Sister Marie Infanta Gonzales,  
O.S.P.

Director of Day Care  
Babyland Nursery, Inc.

## CULTURE & ART

### Talented Organist at

### Saint Rose of Lima



Curtis Watkins at St. Rose of Lima Organ.

### Music Is His Joy

Anyone hearing the organ music at St. Rose of Lima, Newark knows immediately there is a master at the keyboard. His name is Curtis Watkins.

Curtis has been playing the organ at St. Rose since May 1977 adding a dimension to the liturgy much appreciated by St. Rose parishioners. He holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in Voice from the Manhattan School of Music.

Curtis began his music career at the early age of 5 when he began studying piano with his mother, Mrs. H. Evelyn Watkins, a talented pianist and organist herself. Before long he added the organ to his musical repertoire and upon entering high school began singing in the Newark Arts High School chorus, where his exceptional tenor voice came to light. He was accepted at Montclair State College as a voice major and studied there with Mrs. Brenda Miller Cooper for two years before transferring in 1966 to the Manhattan School of Music in New York City where he studied voice with Conrad Thibault. After his graduation in 1969 he continued to study privately with Mr. Thibault for 3 more years as well as with international tenor, George Shirley of Montclair, later in his career.

During his last year at Manhattan, Curtis joined the Newark School System as a part time and later full time music teacher. During his 10 years of teaching he was encouraged and greatly influenced by Miss Dorothy Turpin, vocal supervisor, and finally left in June 1978 to

pursue a performing career full time.

While teaching he performed whenever possible, in operas, musicals, churches, synagogues, night clubs and recording studios, just for the joy afforded by the opportunity to sing.

He has sung with such opera companies as Century Opera, New York Lyric Opera, Golden Fleece, Ltd., New York City Opera and the New Jersey School Cantorum. And his repertoire includes such parts as Borsa in "Rigoletto" and Kaspar in "Amahl and the Night Visitors" as well as chorus experience in the New York City Opera presentations of "Turandot" and "Die Meistersinger."

As a recitalist and church and temple soloist his performances have included such works as Handel's Messiah, Bach's Passion According to St. John, Mendelssohn's Elijah and Brubeck's La Fiesta de la Pasada.

Since 1979 he has been a member of the Orpheus Chamber Singers, a mixed voice quartet, performing Medieval to contemporary music throughout New Jersey and the New York Metropolitan area. While with the Orpheus Singers he performed a world premier of a work composed by George Walker expressly for them.

Curtis has also served as church organist for several other churches in the Newark area including St. Matthew's Methodist Church, Gethsemane Baptist Church and Mt. Olive Baptist Church. St. Rose is fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated musician to add a very special ingredient to all its liturgies.



## Cancer Of The Female Genital Tract: Early Detection

Three of the most common female genital tract cancers are: uterine, cervical and ovarian cancer.

### CANCER OF THE UTERUS

- The most common female genital tract cancer.
- 37,000 new cases are seen every year.
- 90% of the cases are over the age of 40.
- Seen usually in the post menopausal woman.

Factors which increase your risk: Obesity, menopause and childless marriage.

Danger Signal: Any woman who has stopped her periods, is over the age of 40, and starts to bleed again should see her doctor *immediately*.

### CANCER OF THE CERVIX

- Seen most commonly in the 30-40 age group.
  - 20,000 cases are seen every year.
  - Seen most commonly in women whose first sexual experience is before the age of 20.
- Danger Signals:

1. Bleeding after sex.
  2. Spotting between periods.
- Prevention: PAP Smears every year.

### CANCER OF THE OVARY

- Seen most commonly after the age of 50.
- 18,000 new cases are seen every year.
- 11,000 women die annually from this cancer.

NOTE: This cancer kills more women than any other genital cancer. The reason for this is that it is not as easily detectable in the early stage as the two previously mentioned cancers. Danger Signal: Lower abdominal swelling.

In general, the prevention and early detection of female genital cancers can be achieved if every woman pays attention to dangers signals mentioned above and sees her gynecologist routinely every year.



Dr. Suresh Thani

Dr. Suresh Thani - a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology is a member of the attending staff of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and University Hospital. Dr. Thani maintains private office hours at the New Community Health Care Center from Monday through Friday. For an appointment, please call 623-4990.

## HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE Control Saves Lives

More Americans die each year from heart attack and stroke than peoples from almost any other country. Scientific studies suggest that the way we live, our eating, and smoking habits, our sedentary life style, and the stress we are exposed to may contribute to the heart disease epidemic.

Fortunately, there is something we can do. High Blood Pressure, a major contributor to heart attack and stroke, can be controlled and lowered quite nicely. Studies have shown that when blood pressure is lowered to safe limits, rates of heart attacks and

strokes decline markedly. A program, the Hypertension Intervention Trial, now is taking place at the New Jersey Medical School, and it seeks to demonstrate the benefits of controlling pressure by diet, relaxation, and, if necessary, medication. A team of technicians will visit the New Community senior buildings to measure your blood pressure. If it is high, you may be eligible to participate in the program at no cost whatsoever. Look for the announcement. High blood pressure need not harm you. Take charge and safely bring it under control.

### Hypertension Screening

May 4th	Associates	9:00 to 3:00
May 5th	Commons	9:00 to 3:00
May 11th	Gardens	9:00 to 3:00
May 12th	Douglas	9:00 to 3:00
May 18th	Roseville	9:00 to 3:00
May 19th	Manor	9:00 to 3:00

## New Community Health Care Center Offers Cancer Test

New Community Health Care Center in conjunction with the American Cancer Society offers you the opportunity to test for colo-rectal cancer in the privacy of your home. This is a very serious life-saving effort which is **free of charge**. Please come in any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, before May 18, 1983, to pick up your kit and fill out the registration form.

Early diagnosis is still the best defense against cancer. This special home screening program is that first step. It could save your life.

We are located on the corner of South Orange Avenue & Morris Avenue in the New Community Gardens Building - 1st Floor. Please call 623-4990 if you have any questions.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS

### Home Nursing Training Volunteer Homemakers Organized

The first session of the Home Nursing Training officially began on Wednesday, April 13, 1983. The need for the training came about as a result of the recent Federal Cutbacks in the Homemaker Services last September. After a few orientation meetings to discuss the needs of the Seniors and handicapped persons who either lost their homemakers or were unable to receive one due to the cuts, the Social Services Department, organized a *Volunteer Homemakers* program in each of the developments. In keeping with part of N.C.C.'s philosophy of a community drawing from its own resources, concerned residents united together in an effort to help eliminate needless suffering. Today, we have Volunteer Workers on call, ready and available to assist wherever needed: shopping, light housekeeping, assisting with meals, etc.

Some of our residents (mostly Seniors) were interested in learning how to better care for those in need and were courageous enough to enroll in a ten week Home Nursing Course that is being provided by the Essex Chapter of the American Red Cross. We have approximately twenty-five students now enrolled in the course.

The Red Cross Instructor is Mrs. Grace Davis, a resident of East Orange, and also, a mother of four children. For the past 25 years, she has been involved in providing services to the community through the

Essex Chapter of the American Red Cross. Mrs. Davis appears to have a particular sensitivity toward working with and helping older adults. Her teaching pace is somewhat slower than usual which helps to make the environment more conducive for learning.

During the first session the instructor reviewed the face sheet outlining the *Code of Behavior* which must be observed by all of the students. Some of the topics included: *Attendance* ("all sessions (10) must be attended before a *Home Nursing Certificate* can be issued."), *Punctuality*, *Quality of Work*, and the like. The class was also given a special formula for learning and remembering the *Basic Nursing Principles*, which can be arranged in such a way that their first letters spell out the word *ACHES*.

Example:

APPEARANCE AND ATTITUDE  
COMFORT  
HYGIENE  
ECONOMY AND  
EFFECTIVENESS  
SAFETY

Subsequent lessons will include: *Observing Vital Signs*, (Temperature, Pulse, and Respiration).

A graduation ceremony will be planned for our residents-in-training upon completion of their course sometime during the month of June.

Gloria Newsome

## TIPS ON HEALTH

This section will be devoted to questions and answers on health. Please mail your questions to the *New Community Clarion*, 755 South Orange Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07106.

**Question:** Please write something about diabetes.

**Answer:** Diabetes is a disease in which the cells of the body cannot absorb glucose (sugar) from the blood, resulting in a condition known as hyperglycemia or high blood sugar. There is more than one type of diabetes, but the most common is diabetes mellitus which is caused by a deficiency of insulin. Insulin is a substance produced by special cells of the pancreas called the islets of Langerhans.

Diabetes mellitus is mostly a genetic disease; that is, the genes are transmitted from the parent to the offspring. Roughly about 20% of the population carry these genes and of these, about 4% develop the disease at some point in their lives.

Diabetes mellitus can also occur in people who do not have the genes of the disease. It happens in two ways: (1) Excessive intake of sugar over a long period of time, and (2) obesity.

When a person eats too many sweets, the blood sugar naturally goes up. The body will then correct this by producing more insulin in order to keep the blood sugar at a normal level. If this goes on over a long period of time, the islets of Langerhans will be overworked to



Soledad Alston  
R.N.

Pediatric  
Nurse  
Practitioner

the point where they will actually die. When this happens, the body will not have any more insulin and thus, a full blown case of diabetes mellitus will have developed.

In obesity, too much fat in the blood interferes with the metabolism of sugar so that here again, hyperglycemia occurs. Again, as in the case of excessive sweet intake, the body will have to correct the condition in the same manner, with the same possible disastrous result.

So, if you keep your intake of sweets and your weight down, and none of your ancestors have had the disease, you really do not have anything to worry about as far as diabetes mellitus is concerned. And if you come from a family with a strong history of the disease but have not yet come down with it, you have all the more reason to watch your sugar intake and stay trim.





Mrs. Grace Davis (Center) instructs the class on proper disposal of wastes. This is extremely important to know for the Prevention of the Spread of Disease. She illustrates this point by showing the students how to make "open" and "closed" containers by using simple materials like plain paper bags and newspapers.

## COMMONS SENIORS ACTIVITIES

### Opportunities Abound

#### Tenants Meeting Held

Tuesday evening, March 29th, Ms. Madge Wilson, manager of Commons Seniors met with the tenants for our ongoing sharing of concerns and to impart new policies and procedures affecting all residents.

The community room was filled to capacity with a few persons standing. The room erupted into applause when our manager arrived at 6:30 PM. We do have a wonderful and concerned person working with and for us, the tenants. It was announced we will be receiving a new T.V. for the community sitting room.

#### Insurance Seminar

On Tuesday, April 5th, Social Services presented a seminar on Insurance: how to buy it, the different kinds, estates and how to make a Will. This informative session gave us a keener insight of everyday needs.

#### Commons Seniors Garden Club

Spring is here. The time has arrived for the Garden Club to bring out the garden tools and seeds in preparation for the growth of a bumper crop again this year.

On April 18th the gardeners met with Mr. Gannon of Social Services to organize, and meet new members. Club members are: Ms. Rivers, Mr. Buggs, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Hood, Ms. Dawson, Ms. Moses, R. Griffin, Ms. Johnson, and Mr. Harris. Happy planting for a bountiful yield.

#### 140 Club

The 140 Club will celebrate its Second Anniversary and Birthday Party. This celebration is scheduled for Friday, April 29th at 6:00 PM in the Community Room. Honorees will be those who have birthdays in January, February, March and April. Anyone wishing to know more about the party can contact

the Birthday Committee: Beatrice Harris, Philip Hooper, Earlene Hooper, Dorothy Harris, Connie Wishe, Joe Henderson, Acie Carter, Arleathia Jones, John Pitts, Rosa Rivers, Lewis Williams, Catherine Tucker, Julia James, President, and Marion Simpson, Vice-President. The Club welcomes new members.

#### Bingo

Come and enjoy yourself every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM for Bingo. Lots of fun, gifts and laughter is the order of the evening. All are welcome.

#### Arts and Crafts

Ms. Julia James, Director of the Arts and Crafts Club, and her dedicated class are finalizing items to be sold during the upcoming NCC Festival. The items will vary to suit the taste of many adults and children. One of her most dedicated club members, Mr. Joe Nender, has completed an item of work that will delight anyone who sees it. You may join the club each Monday and Friday afternoon at 1:00 PM.

#### Sewing Class

Ms. Mamie Boddie, Director of the 140 Sewing Club, extends a welcome to each person who would like to sew. The Club will be celebrating its first anniversary soon and is planning a wonderful evening for members, neighbors and friends.

#### Gospel Choir Anniversary

Ms. Zera Brown and her Gospel Choir will be celebrating their first anniversary on May 20th in the community room at 7:30 PM. 140 has a beautiful group of gospel singers whose singing uplifts a lonely heart. Happy Anniversary.

#### Physical Fitness Classes

Every Tuesday physical fitness classes are held in the community room beginning at 1:00 PM.

Ruby Dawson

## NEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES

Some of our seniors were disappointed when their voting site was moved. We do hope this is temporary. Even with the transportation that was provided, it was more convenient going across the street.

We enjoyed the galaxy of Gospel Singers that the Social Services Department, thru the efforts of Ms. Scott, have brought to us. It lifts our spirits and helps us to have less lonely nights.

On May 14th, the Inspirational Chorus is sponsoring a program featuring the Gospel Chords. All are welcome. We hope to see you at The 180 Community Room at 7:30 PM. Come looking to have a good time!

Phyllis Burton

New Community Associates

## News Notes

**SPECIAL PERSON** — 140's own Mr. Tommie Lewis appeared in the Star Ledger letting residents know the planting season is very near.

**DENTAL SERVICES RENDERED** — UMDNJ is offering services to Newark residents. Inquiries regarding these dental services call 624-6209.

**SOCIAL SECURITY** — For most current retirees and others now receiving Social Security benefits, the major benefit reduction will be a six-month delay in the cost of living adjustments for this year — July 1983 to January 1984.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Seniors Need Traffic Light

Ms. Ellen Watson and several seniors would like to know what happened to the petitions that were signed requesting a traffic light on South Orange Avenue, either at Bruce Street or Newton Street. These petitions contained over 500 names.

Seniors, mothers going to and from Babyland with their babies, and children going to and from school have great difficulty crossing South Orange Avenue. One day I saw one senior trying to cross another senior in a wheel chair. No one gave them a break. People have been injured while rushing to cross the street. Ms. Watson, for one, was injured, rushing to get out of the way of an oncoming car. Seniors have been hit by cars; and automobiles coming out of Newton Street cannot see around the curve on South Orange Avenue. Several accidents have occurred in this area, and something should be done about it.

We vote and help put people in office and when issues arise benefiting certain areas in the Newark system, we are asked for help. Now we want help. We have been ignored. What must we do to get help, wait for a person to get killed before we get a light?

Phyllis Burton

New Community Associates

## Men & Women! Boys & Girls!

Get your NCC tee shirt  
in time for...  
**FESTIVAL '83**

YOUR CHOICE OF GREEN OR WHITE TEE SHIRTS (IN "ALL SIZES AND SHAPES"), WITH THE WORDS, "I'M PROUD TO BE A PART OF NEWARK'S NEW COMMUNITY — 15th ANNIVERSARY — 1983" ARE NOW ON SALE FOR \$4.00 EACH.

THEY WILL COME IN CHILDREN'S SIZES (SMALL, MEDIUM AND LARGE) AND IN ADULT SIZES (SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE AND EXTRA LARGE).

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A TEE SHIRT, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT WITH \$4.00 TO

NCC SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

220 BRUCE STREET

BY FRIDAY MAY 6TH.

YOU MUST ORDER BY MAY 6TH IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR TEE SHIRT IN TIME FOR THE FESTIVAL.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ APT. # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER THE FOLLOWING SHIRT(S).

NUMBER OF SHIRTS \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE \_\_\_\_\_  
(GREEN OR WHITE)

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## NEWARK REMEMBERED

From time to time we will look back on the proud history of Newark as in a family album to remind our readers of the rich commercial, industrial and cultural heritage of this city.

**Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company Building 750-752 Broad Street, northeast corner of Broad and Clinton Streets. 1908 photo by William F. Cone. Courtesy of the Newark Public Library.**

Much of the large business expansion seen in Newark in the 19th century came from the support of insurance companies. They believed in Newark and invested their money here.

Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company founded in 1845 was one of these companies, conducting business in this dignified marble structure shown here, designed by George B.

Post, from 1908 until 1926, when it moved to 300 Broadway. Its home today is a modern 20 story building at 520 Broad Street opposite Washington Park.

Mutual Benefit has continued its tradition of support and belief in Newark even today, being consistent contributors to the efforts of New Community and its work for the people of Newark. We are grateful.

## Essex County Bar Foundation Public Forums on the Law.

*ECBF public forums are geared for the public and are presented free of charge.*

**Protective law and money management for senior citizens.\***

- How to protect yourself now for a future disability; and
- Money management for the older person on a limited income.

Speaker: Marilyn Askin, senior attorney for the senior citizens' unit of Essex-Newark Legal Services and chair of the Essex County Bar Association's committee on the rights of the elderly.

May 3 at 10:30 a.m.  
New Communities Commons  
140 South Orange Ave.  
Newark, N.J.  
Community Room, 1st floor

\*In cooperation with the Essex County Department of Citizen Services, Division of Aging.

This public forum during National Law Week, May 2-7, is sponsored, as a public service, by the Essex County Bar Foundation and the Essex County Bar Association.

### Editor's Note

The article last month entitled "NCC's First 15 Productive Years" was written by Matthew Reilly, Director of Development.

It was the first of a series to be devoted to current and future development activities.

In his article Mr. Reilly emphasized the importance of the role played by New Community in "the history of the resurgence of American cities in the second half of the 20th century."

Of the myriad numbers of non-profit community-based organizations emerging from the civil rights movements, NCC is one of the few survivors. Matt reviewed NCC's impressive record of accomplishments.

New Community has many more plans in the offing, so keep an eye focused on Matt's future columns to keep pace.

Patricia Foley

## N.C. Roseville T.V. Benefit Held

On Friday afternoon, March 18, the beautiful Community Room of New Community Roseville, located at 1 South Eighth Street, glowed with gleeful laughter and conversation as senior residents enjoyed themselves at a gala fund raising dinner to benefit the Television room located on the 2nd floor.

The dinner fund raising affair was well supported by management and supervisory personnel of New Community Corporation.

Lee Reese, manager of N.C. Roseville who took a personal interest in the development of the fund raising affair, congratulated Virginia Scott, congenial and hard working N.C. Social Worker for her role in the arrangement of the affair.

The TV Fund raising dinner was the result of a suggestion made by George Thompson senior resident of N.C. Roseville, who said at the dinner, it was his desire and hope to make life a little happier for those senior citizens of Roseville who were more or less shut in or lonesome and who would like to watch TV with

other seniors of the Roseville community. Thompson in a surprise presentation gave free dinners to, Mother Susie Fife, Charlie Pearl Cameron, Evelyn Massenburg and Frances Pharms and Joe Keanan.

Evelyn Massenburg, Roseville senior was in charge of Food Services. She was assisted by Shirley Kimble, Frances Pharms, Phyllis Williams and Irene Jackson who served as treasurer. Among the resident senior guests of Roseville who were served in the Community Room, were, Charlie Pearl Cameron, Joseph Keenan, Elizabeth King, Luvonia Walker, including Elizabeth Baldwin, Roseville Security.

George Thompson  
N.C. Roseville

### Editor's Note:

*As a result of the fund raising dinner, a new 19" Hitachi colored television set was presented to the Roseville Seniors. The television room is currently being re-vamped in anticipation of extended use by the happy residents.*



**RECEIVED WITH PLEASURE.** Anna Monk, Mary M. Mickins, Steve Perkins and Phyllis Williams accept a new 19" color TV on behalf of the Roseville Fund Raising Committee.

## Management Seminar Held

In March 1983 all New Community managers attended a two day training seminar, sponsored by the National Leased Housing Association, on the current rules and regulations for Department of Housing and Urban Development and New Jersey Housing Finance Agency financed housing. At the completion of the seminar everyone received a certificate.

Keeping up with changes is one of the concerns of the New Community Management Department and includes such things as handling of leases, rent collections and property maintenance.

Attendance at such seminars ensures the delivery of the best possible services to our tenants.

### THE N.C. CLARION

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## 8-0 Celtics Continue to Roll

The New Community Celtics continued their winning ways last month with victories over the Passaic Boy's Club, Garden State Warriors and B.J. of Paterson, New Jersey.

The win over the Passaic Boy's Club was a rematch of a previous meeting won by the Celtics by the score of 52 to 41. But, this game proved to be no contest for the Celtics who simply outclassed the Boy's Club by the score of 59 to 32. The next game was also a rematch, with the Warriors, played on the visitors court, which saw them take a first quarter lead of 27 to 5. After a brief change in personnel the Celtics rallied to narrow the margin to 5 points at half-time with the Warriors leading 42 to 37. The third quarter proved to be the decisive quarter of the contest which saw the Celtics go on a 32-point spurt which broke the game open. The final score was 83 to 62 in favor of the Celtics.

Willie Shaw led all scorers with 33 points followed by Maceo Brown and Alvin Smith with 26 and 12 points each. Michael Sams lead the Warriors with 21 points followed by Marcellus Jackson with 18 points. The eighth win was a hard fought 71 to 55 victory over the B.J.'s of Paterson. In this game the Celtics showed their ability to execute and stay cool under the relentless pressure put on them by the full-court press of the B.J.'s.

Time and time again, the Celtics scored basket after basket as a result of their ability to maintain their poise, which enabled them to creep out to a 40 to 29 half time lead.

The Celtics won the game which was probably the best game they have played all season. I must admit, I was really proud of them. They made me look like I was Red Aurbach.

Paul Reid  
Youth Coordinator

## New Community Crusaders Looking for Players

The New Community Crusaders Women's Softball Team is looking for a few players. Anyone interested in trying out for the team should contact Paul Reid of the New Community Social Services Department at 623-6114. The Crusaders will be competing in the New Softball League and the Passaic Womens Softball League. You must be at least 16 years of age in order to play.

## NCC Cheerleaders & Pep Squad Selected

After two weeks of tryouts, the New Community Cheerleaders and Pep Squad members were finally selected. Choosing the team was not an easy task for Miss Sheila Washington and her mother, Mrs. Isabel Washington, whose name I inadvertently left out of last month's article. Mrs. Washington is also the cheerleading coach for the Newark Blazers, Newark's entrant in the newly formed Pro-East Basketball Association. Mrs. Washington's coaching experience and coaching skills are limitless. Having such a unique mother and daughter combination can only enhance the squad at New Community.

The cheerleading squad is composed of the following members: Lisa Harris, Michelle Sims, Robin Frieron, Janice Thompson, Keisha Melvin, Veronica Peterson, Dyneshia Frazier, Tywana Lewis, Yvette Harper, Charlene Best, Patricia Gary, Belinda Caldwell, Rhonda Borders and Sherena Frazier.

The Pep Squad, which conducts their cheers from the stands, is composed of Miss Tamika Motley, Sherene Smith, Twanna Brewer, Sharronda Harrell, Felicia Rodgers, Sandra Turner and Berdie Treadwell. Congratulations ladies and keep up the good work.



Principal Willie Thomas, Vice-Principal Ken Travitt with Paul Reid, Jr. N.C.C. Youth Services Coordinator.

## Newton Street School Opens Its Doors to NCC

On January 11, 1983, the Newton Street School Principal Mr. Willie Thomas, opened the schools doors to the youngsters of New Community. After months of negotiations with the Board and Mr. Thomas, the Board agreed to open its doors to NCC residents as a Pilot Project for a larger program, that upon the Board of Education's approval, will be a full fledged community school, with a variety of programs for both youths and adults. These programs will include arts & crafts, tutoring, recreational activities, career counselling, General Education Diploma classes and a variety of other programs.

Some of the programs so far have

included roller skating, open gym for basketball, Women's Softball practice, New Community Celtics Basketball games and practice, and the Senior Men's Basketball League.

Mr. Thomas is very proud of the way the program has been running. He said there has been "no trouble at all since the program began." In fact, he stated that he has not had a window broken since the program started. He went on to say that, "normally I would have at least one window or door broken a week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Education, New Community, Dr. D'Agostino and Paul Reid for their cooperation in providing recreation for our children."

"We have had many talented students especially in the area of recreation. In order to develop the child fully, we must not only develop him mentally and spiritually but also physically. In order to do this, we need the cooperation of everyone."

"Again, next year we would like to expand the program to include a variety of cultural, social educational and recreational activities. Please contact us if you would like to volunteer."

We of New Community, appreciate his help with this program.

## Newark Museum Notes

### Mother's Day Musicales

The Rutgers-Newark Choral and Orchestra, under the direction of John Eric Floreen, will present their annual Mother's Day concert at the Museum, at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 8. The final concert in the 1982-83 Renee Foosaner series, the May 8 event will feature choral selections from Vivaldi, Mozart and Ralph Vaughan Williams, as well as choral jazz works by Duke Ellington and others. Additional funding for the program has been made available from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

### Springtime Fun For Children

Les Petites Ballet, under the direction of award winning choreographer Linda Leshine, will present a performance of *The Arabian Nights*, on Saturday, May 7, at 1:30 p.m., bringing to life the fantasy and splendor of the mystical land of Arabia in ages past. All the wondrous tales of the tales of the fabled east as told by the beautiful Princess Scheherazade,

complete with magic lamps, sultans and genies, glitter and glow in this delightful fairy tale presented in dance and mime.

Children's films, *The Selfish Giant* and *Strega Nonna*, will be shown Saturday, May 21, at 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. *The Selfish Giant* is a classic Oscar Wilde fairy tale about a giant, unwilling to share his garden with children, which teaches the lesson of sharing. The award-winning *Strega Nonna* tells the secrets of Grandmother Witch's pasta pot. Funding for children's programs has been made available through the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, The William Lightfoot Schultz Foundation and the Frelinghuysen Foundation.

**Dinosaurs Disappear in Planetarium**  
Evolution continues just as it has for centuries untold, but 65 million years ago something out of the ordinary happened. After being the dominant form of life on earth for over 130 million years, the dinosaurs sudden-

ly died out, a phenomenon which continues to baffle scientists. To learn what may have caused the dinosaurs to vanish, visit the Planetarium on Saturdays in May at 1:00 p.m. All ages are welcome. Tickets are 75¢ and go on sale 15 minutes before each performance (children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult).

### Floral Oasis in Downtown Newark

A noontime mini-tour of the Rutgers University Greenhouse will take place on Tuesday, May 31. A stunning oasis in downtown Newark, the greenhouse contains countless varieties of tropical plants, including especially noteworthy collections of orchids and cacti. Co-sponsored by the Museum, the Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee and the Essex County Cultural Affairs Division, these one-hour tours leave from the Washington Street entrance of the Museum at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$2.00 and advance registration is required, 733-6600.

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## NCC CAMPING TRIP A SUCCESS



CATCH OF THE DAY.

Despite inclement weather the NCC Youth Council trip to Camp Occawasin on April 8th, 9th & 10th was a rousing success. We arrived at the camp on Friday at about 2:30 p.m. After putting away our belongings, claiming our bunks and starting a nice warm fire, we went on a tour of the camp. After our tour we had dinner and settled in for the night.

Although the trip was primarily planned so the children could have fun, each day during the trip each individual was assigned certain chores, which consisted of either cleaning off the tables, washing dishes, taking out the garbage or splitting wood for the fire. The trip also gave the youngsters a chance to stay up late and socialize, and experience what it is like living in close quarters with people other than family members.

On Saturday evening after dinner we roasted marshmallows and told scary stories. We even got a visit from "Jason". I think he scared quite a few youngsters.

Paul Reid Jr.



ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME.

## NCC Revitalizes for Spring

March 21st officially marked the first day of Spring and New Community joined with millions of others everywhere as it began the work necessary to keep its beautiful housing in prime condition.

Trees and shrubs are being pruned, worn areas re-seeded and sidewalks needing it, repaved. Having our own maintenance crews allows us to follow through on our concept which recognizes a responsibility not only to build housing but to keep that investment in time and energy and money a sound one. We are continuing to plant new shrubs where new housing has been completed and of course shade trees will be placed along the street each year

so that before long they will provide shady comfort to those walking and beauty to all eyes.

It is our hope that our pride in our management and maintenance of the New Community neighborhood will keep those who live in it proud of it too. When people live in homes which give their lives dignity as do our beautiful buildings, with their gracious lawns and trees, they also share in the responsibility of keeping them that way. We have seen our residents watering plants and cleaning up along with us. With their cooperation we will keep New Community a beautiful place to live in Newark. If we all care for it, it will always be here for us to enjoy.



TIME FOR SPRING. Youngsters from Babyland II on tour of Tot Park located in the rear of St. Rose of Lima School enjoy the spring weather and admire the daffodils that have popped up, along with lovely pink blossoms of the magnolia tree.

## YOUTH CAN LEARN MUCH FROM SENIOR CITIZENS

In old countries years ago, the elderly were revered. Young people respected older people. They looked up to them, listened to their advice, were courteous in speech and manners in their presence. Tradition, customs, mores, etiquette, and rules were taught and handed-down by the older to the young. One of the first lessons youth learned was the difference between right and wrong. This wisdom would run through all of youth's actions and interactions with family and tribe, in communal working and domestic living. As society became complex, the structure of the family as a unit weakened. Education and training of youth was relegated to the school teacher who was expected to be both parent and instructor. Pornographic places of entertainment took the place of the church and the Sunday school. Law breakers and felons became the role models for youth who had placed a premium on material possessions and erotic pleasure. The elderly became invisible.

Senior citizens hold a vast storage of history. How profitable it would be for youth to tap this enormous resource. How much inspiration would be gained. It was the senior citizen who once did the manual and menial work, and out of their meager wages, sacrificed to send their children to school to become doctors, lawyers, teachers, nurses, assemblymen, councilmen and mayors. Before the forty-hour work week, many senior citizens worked from 'cain't see to cain't see.' That is, when they started to work in the morning, the sky was still dark and they couldn't see, and when they stopped work in the evening, the sky was dark and they couldn't see. 'Cain't see to cain't see!' The work was hard and living wasn't easy. Wood had to be chopped for fire to

cook the food and heat the rooms for scant comfort. Sunday had special significance as a day of rest and worship — all day was spent in church. There was the regular morning worship service; then the Sunday school session; next the B.Y.P.U.; and finally the evening worship service. The entire family spent Sunday together attending worship services. Obstacles were met with prayer, inner spiritual strength; sacrifice; patience; and hard work...There is a tendency among young people today to seek to get things easily and quickly. Abhorred are long hours and years of work and study in preparation for a vocation or a career. Undesirable are jobs where one starts at the bottom and works upward. More desirable are the jobs where you start near the top, gain wealth instantly. Senior citizens could tell youth that it doesn't work that way, and that "there is no gain without some pain." When some youth find subjects difficult they should put more time on them instead of giving up and dropping out. Senior citizens could assure youth that they found the same subjects difficult but they studied them harder and longer and ultimately passed those subjects and gained a high school diploma. "Nothing worth while comes easy," golden citizens would say, "You have to sort of put your hand on the plow and hold on."

So, young man, young woman, when you see the Senior Citizens in your community, take time to talk with them. Respect these noble pioneers who paved the way for you and countless others. They are your textbook for responsible living. You can learn much from these Senior Citizens.

Lewis Graves  
Springfield Branch  
Newark Public Library

*"To me old age is always fifteen years older than I am."*

Bernard Baruch